

Kansas Mental Health Coalition

Speaking with one voice to meet critical needs of people with mental illness.

Minutes

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April 26, 2023

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions Mary Jones, President

Minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes were not posted.

9:35 a.m. Reports

Board of Directors – met to set upcoming meeting topics. Discussed options of gathering in person or continuing to meet on zoom. Zoom is useful for our members across the state. Advocacy Day highlighted the value of networking in person. Will poll members about options of hosting occasional in person events/meetings. Annual officer and board elections are next month.

Financial Report adopted–

Advocacy Committee – Colin Thomasset / Monica Kurz - Meet for a debriefing of the 2023 event directly following this meeting.

Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council – Wes Cole, Chair

Big Tent Coalition - Mike Burgess

KanCare Advocates Network - Sean Gatewood

Consumer Programs - Sheri Hall, P3 / Nancy Jensen

Parity Committee - Amy Campbell / Rick Cagan - link to the Coalition's YouTube channel to view archived Parity webinars.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLS6sxHnC47YtNpl_cgpr9y35bWKx2QCEy

Providers are encouraged to participate in the 2023 Provider Parity Survey - [Letter](#) [Survey Link](#) [Examples](#)

Suicide Prevention Coalition / 988 Crisis Line - Monica Kurz has had her baby! Brenna Viososky reported on activities.

Working to compile all of the work going on in Kansas around community suicide prevention:

<https://surveys.greenbush.org/s3/Survey-for-Community-Suicide-Prevention-Efforts-KSPHQ>

10:00 a.m. Lobbyist Report Amy Campbell (abbreviated list)

- Legislature is meeting this week for veto session and omnibus budget.

- Governor signed Sub for HB 2184 - the mega-budget bill with a number of line item vetoes [Governors Line Item Vetoes Message](#) [Supplemental Note for HB 2184-MegaBudget 2023](#)
- Governors Budget Amendments document - note the addition of approximately \$10 million to cover contract nursing costs at state hospitals, with another \$23.8 million coming from internal KDADS funds.
- Spring Consensus Caseloads [document](#)
- Consensus Revenue Estimates [document](#)
- Omnibus Items for Consideration [document](#)
- The end of the pandemic means the Medicaid program must begin eligibility screenings again. There is concern that we could see more than 100,000 Kansans drop off the program due to changes in their eligibility status or simply for not completing the eligibility review forms. If people are not sure when their Medicaid renewal is up for review, they can call the clearinghouse to confirm that date. The call center number is: 800-792-4884

11:25 a.m. Announcements

Kelsey Stock is working to develop a committee for deaf and hearing impaired Kansans "access to mental health care" work. Please contact Kelsey at Kelsey.stock@ks.gov. The committee will work under the umbrella of the Kansas Coalition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Michelle Ponce offered a great overview of CCBHCs for the Kansas CIT Association. You can watch the recorded archive at https://kansas-my.sharepoint.com/personal/h101b570_home_ku_edu/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fh101b570%5Fhome%5Fku%5Fedu%2FDocuments%2FDocuments%201%2FZoom%2F2023%2D04%2D12%2009%2E51%2E31%20CCBHC%20Presentation&ga=1

Treatment & Recovery Center in Lawrence opened earlier in the month under management from the Bert Nash Center. This is an exciting development for mental health advocates in Douglas County. <https://lawrencekstimes.com/2023/04/06/dgco-trc-to-open/>

Register at www.namiwalks.org/kansas to have a resource table at the Walk, contact Isaac at Isaac@namikansas.org

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

2023 Schedule - Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 29, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, Nov 15, Dec 13

Board Meetings: 11:45 a.m. quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 29, July 26, Sept. 27, Dec. 13)

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